IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

AARON CHRISTOPHER WHEELER, : CIVIL ACTION

Plaintiff, :

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v. :

PRISON HEALTH SERVICES, INC.; JEFFREY :

BEARD (in his official capacity on behalf of the : No. 09-410

Pennsylvania Department of Corrections); **DAVID**: **DIGUGLIEMO** (in his official capacity on behalf of the State Correctional Institution at Graterford); and:

JOHN DOES NO. 1 - 3; :

Defendants.

ORDER

AND NOW, this 1st day of September, 2010, upon consideration of defendants Beard and DiGuglielmo's motion to dismiss, the motion of Prison Health Services, Inc. and John Doe #1 (Richard Stefanic, M.D.), and plaintiff's responses thereto; following a conference at which all parties were present and heard, and for the reasons set forth in the accompanying memorandum, it is **ORDERED** that:

- 1. Defendants Beard and DiGuglielmo's motion to dismiss [paper no. 31] is GRANTED in part and DENIED in part. It is GRANTED as to plaintiff's request for compensatory damages. It is DENIED without prejudice to a motion for summary judgment as to the official-capacity action for injunctive relief.
- 2. The motion of Prison Health Services, Inc. ("PHS") and John Doe #1 [paper no. 32] is GRANTED in part and DENIED in part. It is GRANTED as to: (a) Count I against John Doe #1; (b) Count II in its entirety; and (c) Count III against PHS and John Doe #1. Because Count II fails as a matter of law, it shall not be reasserted in a third amended complaint. The motion is DENIED without prejudice to a motion for summary judgment as to Count I (plaintiff's Eighth Amendment claim) against PHS. The motion to dismiss based on the applicable statute of limitations is DENIED without prejudice to a motion reasserting the argument against the third amended complaint.
- 3. Plaintiff shall have forty-five (45) days to file a third amended complaint: (a)

correcting the caption by obtaining the names of the new secretary of the Department of Corrections and the new warden at SCI-Graterford; (b) substituting the John Doe defendants with properly named individuals; (c) addressing exhaustion of administrative remedies and the statute of limitations; and (d) specifying the nature of the requested prospective relief. During this forty-five (45) day period, plaintiff may conduct limited discovery regarding the identity of the John Doe defendants and the statute of limitations.

/s/ Norma L. Shapiro

J.